



The Republican voters of the several townships of Macon county are requested to elect delegates to a county convention, to be held at the Court House, in Decatur, on Saturday, May 13th, at 1 o'clock P.M., for the following purpose: To select seven delegates to represent this county in the State Convention to be held in Springfield, May 21st. To select seven delegates to represent this county in the Congressional Convention of the 11th district, and to transact such other business as may come before the convention.

The several townships and voting districts will be entitled to the following number of delegates:

Decatur—First, District, 8; 2nd, District, 7; 3rd, District, 4; 4th, District, 3; Milian, 1; Illinois, 4; Harriettown, 1; Long Creek, 2; Marion, 4; Blue Mound, 2; Friend's Creek, 1; Mt. Zion, 2; Austin, 1; Nixon, 4; Pleasant View, 2; Whitewater, 2; Hickory, 2; Oakley, 2; Whitford, 3; Nineteen, 9—total, 56. By order of the County Central Committee, R. P. C. Y. P. C. Committee.

Hon. Morton McMichael, a delegate to the Cincinnati convention, and the editor of the *Philadelphia North American*, says Mr. Conkling cannot carry the Pennsylvania delegation because of his unreasonable opposition to centennial measures.

Senator Thurman is reported as predicting that Governor Hayes will be nominated at Cincinnati. He thinks that Morton, Conkling and Blaine will favor Hayes before they will each other, and will be likely to transfer their strength to him. He is said to be of the opinion that he himself will have only two competitors for the Democratic nomination worth worrying about—Senator Bayard and General Hancock.

SENATOR KEY, of Tennessee, voted in favor of Senator Morton's resolution to investigate the alleged frauds in connection with the Mississippi election, he also made a speech in favor of the same. The action in his case has called out much unfriendly criticism from Southern Democratic journals. Mr. Key has written a letter in answer to these criticisms, in which he claims that his speech was an "appeal to the people of the North, in behalf of the South; that he does not believe that the charges of fraud in the Mississippi election, but favors the fullest investigation to show that the charges are not true." Probably Mr. Key is honest in this, but this will not save him from Southern denunciation. The Southern editors are better posted than Mr. Key appears to be, and they know that the result arrived at by a full investigation will be the perfect substantiation of all charges that have been made against Mississippi Democrats. Mr. Key has made a political mistake that will cost him his official hold.

PHR. C. O. MARSH, of Yale College, who has made the Indian problem a special study for many years, gives the following reasons why the proposed transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department should be consonant:

1. Economy. The Government has now very perfect machinery for supplying the army on the frontier with food, clothing and pay, and by the same means could supply the Indians also. The present system of supplying the Indians is loose and irresponsible, and tends to invite fraud. I believe the Government could save one half the annual appropriations for the Indians if the latter were under the War Department.

2. Peace on the frontier would be greatly promoted by the change. Indians have a great respect for visible power, and this alone would often prevent disorder. A proper enumeration of the Indians, now impossible, could be made, and all would be kept on their reservations, thus avoiding one of the most frequent sources of hostility. There would then be no conflict of authority, as now, between agents and army officers, and no promises would be made that could not be kept.

3. The best interests of the Indians themselves demand the change. What the Indians now need especially is justice and a firm, uniform policy. I am convinced that these can best be secured under army management. Army officers, as a class, are not unfriendly to the Indians, and those on the frontier are good judges of Indian character. Many of them take a deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the Indians. All effort to improve and civilize the Indians could be made even better under army officers than now, and I feel confident that the true interests both of the Indians and the government would be advanced by the proposed change.

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## THE FIRST PUBLIC READING OF THE DECLARATION.

The Declaration was written by Jefferson, as he himself stated in a letter to Dr. Mease, in his lodgings house in the southwest corner of Market and Seventh streets. The house is still standing, and is occupied by a tailor who shows his patriotism by calling his shop the "Empire of Liberty Clothing Store." The instrument was signed, as our readers know, in the east room of the State House, on the lower floor. It appeared in the next day's paper (side by side with an advertisement of a negro child for sale who had the measles and small pox), but was not officially given to the people until noon day or the 8th of July, when, it was read to a large concourse of people in the State House yard by John Nixon, deputed to the task by the Sheriff of Philadelphia, who had received it from the committee. The stage on which the reader stood was a rough wooden platform on the line of the eastern walk, about half way between Fifth and Sixth streets. Deborah Logan, who lived in the neighborhood, states that she heard from her garden every word of the instrument read, and thought the voice was Charles Thompson's. In spite of all evidence in favor of Nixon, we choose to believe her. The Man of Truth should have first made known those words to humanity. Cheers rent the walk, a fan de joie was fired, the chimes of Christ Church rang through all the bright summer day, and the old bell at last gave to the world the message that it had received a quarter of century before, and proclaimed liberty to all the world.

The daily papers—little thin sheets a few inches square—give us for weeks afterwards accounts of the rejoicing and wild enthusiasm of the other Provinces as the Declaration reached them. In New York one singular effect produced was that a general jail delivery of all prisoners took place, in pursuance of the Declaration of Independence by the Hon. Congress—*Harper's Magazine*.

The doubtful report of the arrival of Don Carlos in this country revives the old question, "Habemus a Bourbon amongst us?" Until further information is had, the probabilities are that we have not. What has Don Carlos to do in this country? He has a great fortune and estate where he can enjoy them, and in an atmosphere which is more congenial to one who believes in the divine rights of Kings than he will find among the American Democracy. Don Carlos is the primary cause of the overthrow of the Spanish republic. It was not much of a loss, perhaps, as it then stood, but it might have improved with age, as the French republic has done, and it would have had a chance to vindicate its right to exist but for the Carlist war, the slow movements of the Republican generals, and the discontent of the people, all of which combined induced General Pavon to try a coup d'etat, and set up the throne again, with the youthful Alfonso upon it. There is no bitterer enemy of Republicans than Don Carlos, the pretender.

A WONDERFUL HORSE.—Sir Robert Smyth, in a letter to George Selwyn, thus humorously describes a bargain of a horse, which was to be sold in his day, 1767: "Dr. Thistlethwayte is dead, and since he has no further use for his horses, they are to be sold by auction. Amongst them is a little boy gelding, about 13 or 14 hands high, with a flanking long tail, strong enough to carry you, the master, and all the money he ever spent [in cloots] at Gloucester together. The doctor (some eight and forty stone weight,) always took off his book, and the keeper killed all his deer for him. I mention these circumstances as proof of his sedateness. He goes fast enough to carry you close to fox bounds in full chase, but if your affairs do not require so much expedition, a snail would distance him. His figure is such, that if you were to meet a tailor on his back, you would pull off your hat to him, though you did not own one shilling. I know twenty men of weight who want him, but the weight of metal will have him. He is six years old, and cost five pounds. Peter Bathurst will bid fifteen or twenty for him, and perhaps others may bid more. Some one will buy him who, perhaps, may be wise enough to think five or six guineas, on a point of health, pleasure, and safety, are not absolutely thrown away."

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, April 28.—A man named John P. Norris, who lives in this city, is carrying on an elaborate and systematic swindling business. He advertises his headquarters at Springfield and Cincinnati, and orders goods and products of various sorts from firms in all parts of the United States or Canada by referring them to the bankers and business men of this city. When the goods arrive they are immediately taken from the express offices or freight depots, and transferred to other parties for any amount Norris or his confederates could get for them. Norris was in the Ohio Penitentiary for swindling nearly a year, but was discharged by reason of some legal technicality, and has been carrying on his business since on a larger scale than before. He is said to have amassed \$40,000 by this style of business. Many efforts have been made by the Springfield newspapers and leading business men to expose his practices and warn the public against him, but in spite of these efforts he seems to still be doing a very large business.

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## GEN. BUTLER AS A LOVER.

The New York correspondent of the *Baltimore News* relates the following story:

Apôpôs of theatricals, I have heard my mother tell a little story of the late Mrs. Butler, and of Ben Butler as a lover. Miss Hildreth was a lovely little creature who had espoused the stage and was fairly successful for those days, when no such fame and fortune were made as in these. She came to Cincinnati to play an engagement, and had hardly begun when B. F. Butler, who had fallen in love with her some time previously, came after her. It was understood by the company that although she favored his suit she was not disposed to marry as soon as he desired. He had to go to New Orleans on a short trip, and told her that he would give her until his return to make up her mind. "He left the city, staid a short time, and one night made his appearance in the green room. Miss Hildreth was playing Pauline in the "Lady of Lyons" and when she came off the stage, found the impetuous and then obscure Ben waiting for his answer. She gave it in the affirmative, and he hurried her away with all the ardor of the first Napoleon on his second marriage. At that time Butler was a strong, well knit young fellow, with remarkable conversational powers. They must have been great indeed to have won so lovely and desirable a partner for life. Long a sufferer from one of the most agonizing maladies to which female flesh is heir, cancer, Mrs. Butler bore her torments with more than patience—with resignation and dignity, and comparatively young, has just laid down her life a martyr to disease.

THE Louisville *Courier-Journal* has at last named its candidate. It published a page of biography on behalf of Samuel J. Tilden, of New York, and a double-headed leader proclaimed him from the editorial pages as its choice for the Presidency. Its argument, leaving out all fulsome praise of Mr. Tilden, the champion reformer, may be found in this paragraph:

The South can never exert the kind of influence it once exerted in American politics. Every time it ranges itself upon the lines from which it has been driven, its allies in the North and West will experience defeat at the hands of a sectionalism combined and organized against it. For the present, at least, all sectional calculations must be made to our disadvantage. The South cannot unite with the West, which had party management on the part of Democrats has radicalized. Indiana is the only Western State which we hold and can retain, and we should lose Indiana if the sectional question should come into ascendancy. The States which we can carry are New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, California, Oregon and Nevada, and we can only carry these with a nominee who is neither wild nor equivocal in his financial opinions. The issue is not one of sections, but of indefinite strength, indefinable in detail, State by State. This strength is all that is left of the democratic party, and unless the party consider it dispassionately, and decides its course upon it, we shall be defeated in the election.

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## TELEGRAPHIC.

## WASHINGTON NEWS.

## BRISTOW ON HIS DIGNITY.

## IMPEACHMENT MATTERS.

## Blaine Courts an Investigation.

## Tricks of an Ohio Swindler.

## Barreled Human Bodies.

## NEW YORK, April 28.—This afternoon the driver for the National express company was unloading two boxes marked "Peter Jones, Plattsburgh," when one of the boxes fell from the truck and broke, exposing the body of a colored man. The other was then opened and found to contain the body of a white woman. Both bodies had holes in the neck, in which were stuffed pieces of cotton wool. The police are inclined to think that they are subjects for medical examination, prepared for shipment.

DRYED RASPBERRIES, at 35 cents per pound, the best layer of raisins, three pounds for 50 cents; dried apples, 24 dwt. pounds for 25 cents, at the Western Tea Co.'s store.

DAVIS' NURSERIES.

Has now ready for spring delivery 200,000 Apple Trees, 10,000 Evergreens, 20,000 Shrub Trees; also, hundreds of Cherry, Pear, Peach and Plum Trees, Grape Roots, &c. Order at once. Anything in the nursery line—will set and insure this spring, if wanted. Prices and catalogues on application to

IL. W. DAVIS,  
Box 141, Decatur, Ill.

I have also for sale at my Nurseries, eggs for hatching, fresh and genuine, from select birds, of the following breeds: Buff, Cochinchin, Black Cochinchin, Partridge Cochinchin, Light Brahmas, Dark Brahmas, Plymouth Rocks and Houdans.

Also, the best WATER ELEVATOR known, draws with two buckets. Throw out your pumps and draw off the surface water and preserve your health. Prices and description on application to

H. W. DAVIS,  
Feb. 15, 1876, Decatur, Ill.

An attempt to investigate Senator Morton is already on foot, and will be made public Monday. It is charged that during the war, when one branch of the Indiana Legislature was Democratic, no appropriations were made, owing to a dead lock, to pay the State expenses, and that Morton used improperly a quarter of a million of money of the United States Government for that purpose. Morton, who has been informed of the charge, courts a full investigation and denounces the story.

A resolution to investigate the Union Pacific transaction, in which the recent attempt was made to involve Blaine, was proposed in the House to-day, but objected to by Mr. Blaine courts the fullest investigation, and hopes it will be made.

There are decided indications that the Senate, at least a majority, do not believe that they have any jurisdiction in Belknap's case, and after argument will dismiss it.

There was quite a little scene in the Treasury Committee this morning. Mr. Bright, of Tennessee, though not acting in the capacity of Chairman of the committee examining into Secretary Bristow's connection with the Mary Merritt case, has shown an active interest in the mode of examination. To-day he made one or two suggestions to witnesses, which were calculated to bear against the interest of the accused. When the committee adjourned, Mr. Bright went over to where Secretary Bristow was sitting, at the other end of the committee table, and extended his hand to the Secretary.

The latter replied, "No, sir, I cannot shake hands with you."

The refusal threw the Tennessean into an excited state, and he protested that he should do his duty, and that if Secretary Bristow was found guilty he would join in a report to that effect, but that if he was innocent he should likewise unite with his colleagues in so stating.

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## The Daily Republican.

BROOKVILLE, ILLINOIS  
Saturday Evening, April 29.

THE DAILY REPUBLICAN will be delivered to subscribers in any part of the city, at *no extra charge* per *copy*.  
Local Notices will be inserted at *ten cents* per copy for the first *copy*; *then, and also cents per copy for each subsequent insertion*. Rates for insertion of advertisements will be furnished upon application at the office.

### TO DAILY SUBSCRIBERS.

THE DAILY REPUBLICAN will be collected every Saturday, at the place where the paper is delivered, and otherwise ordered.

We would be much obliged if our subscribers would return the carrier at what ever place they desire their paper to be left.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce MARTIN D. MCKEEVER as a candidate for the office, subject to the decision of the Republican nominating convention.

### CITY DEPARTMENT.

For nice dairy butter and fresh eggs call on Adams & Beaudine.

If you would have a feast of good things go to Anshack & Cassell's restaurant.

D. M. Barnett & Co. have a fine lot of fresh potatoes and other vegetables. They have also a full line of choice canned and dried fruit, with a choice lot of sugars and syrups. Call and see them.

Fresh lemons and oranges, at Billy Niedermeyer's, on West Main street.

Tropical fruits, nuts, and a full supply of choice fancy groceries, at Faulkner's restaurant.

All varieties of canned and dried fruit at Imboden's.

Superior sugar-cured ham at Niedermeyer's, near the Mound.

The Farmer's restaurant is the place to get warm meals and a nobby lunch.

Superior, plumblow potatoes at Newell & Hammars.

Mr. Post is still astonishing the world with his wonderful bargains in watches, clocks and jewelry. Call and see him on Merchant street.

The Western Tea Company is dispensing large quantities of its tea, coffee, spicess, sugar, and canned fruit daily. Goods are sold so cheap here that everybody buys them.

A few rain drops this morning.

The frost that everybody expected last night was frightened away by the clouds.

The Decatur daily Times will resume its publications on Monday.

The regular May meeting of the city council takes place on Monday evening.

The State Firemen's Tournament, which is to come off in this city in October next, will be one of the biggest things we have had for a long time.

Many a Decatur woman is revolving in her mind the question whether she will buy a new spring hat or abandon her pet project of having a bay window built on her sitting room.

We regret to learn that one of the twin children of Rev. Horace Reed, is dangerously ill with whooping cough. But little hopes are entertained of its recovery. The other members of the family who have been ill are recovering.

The following announcement in the Clinton *Telegraph* is nothing more than might have been expected, and affords another illustration of the folly of endeavoring the newspaper business in any town. We simply print it that it may serve as a beacon light to adventurers in these parts.

The Dr. Wilt County Messenger has gone to meet the *Gazette*. Mr. Anderson tried his luck for three months in this city with a third paper, and finally had to suspend on last Saturday, because it would not pay. But very low will be out of their subscriptions by the failure of the *Messenger*, as a majority of the subscribers would not pay for more than three months in advance.

The Coming Fourth—Kankakee is going in for big things on the coming 4th, in the line of a celebration, the last thing on the programme being a salute of one hundred guns, at sunrise. The patriotism of the people is up to bursting point, and will effervescce violently until the glorious 4th is over.

The people generally throughout the State seem to be catching the inspiration, and the prospect now is that nearly every county seat in the commonwealth will smell strongly of gunpowder on our nation's centennial anniversary day. Macon county will not be a whit behind any of them.

Change of Base.—Mr. Henry Wood, late with R. Liddle, is now with Paddord & Burrows, where he takes the place of Mr. Ed. Wood, resigned. The latter has associated himself with Mr. Culver, in the candy and ice cream business, at the old stand of Culver & Gaylord, on Merchant street. We congratulate the first named upon his advancement to so important a position, and the latter upon his advent into the circle of our business men to operate on his "own hook." May success attend both of these estimable young men.

Young men in this city are gravely considering the question of abandoning the use of standing shirt collars. About 10 o'clock Sunday nights, most of our girls' cheeks look as if they had been powdered with a clothes pin.

Entirely Satisfactory—The Charter Oak is as near perfection as we ever expect to find a stove; in short, a perfect success as a first-class cooking stove.

An Elegant Assortment of Cassimere Suits, at B. Stine's.

**THE FESTIVAL LAST NIGHT.**—The festival given last evening by the ladies of the Universitist Society was a grand success in every particular. About forty dollars were taken at the door, which at ten cents each, indicates a large attendance. The floral decorations of the room were the admiration of all, and other things in the line of preparations were on a scale to correspond therewith. The company was entertained by fine singing from the male quartette, and everybody seemed social and happy. Refreshments, gotten up in the best of style, were abundant, to which those in attendance paid a high compliment. For want of time but one of the watches referred to yesterday, was disposed of. This was the one hundred dollar watch, and was disposed of by vote to the most popular lady in town. 791 votes were sold at 25 cents per vote. Of these Mr. W. F. Bushell received 402, and the watch was consequently awarded to her. As a source of revenue the entertainment exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the society, and the receipts will give the ladies a good lift toward raising funds to furnish the church. We congratulate all concerned upon the success of the evening's entertainment, both as a source of revenue and enjoyment.

**THE CHURCHES.**

At the Presbyterian Church Rev. Mr. Mackenzie will preach to-morrow, morning and evening.

Services at the First M. E. Church, at the usual hours to-morrow.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Best, will hold services at Stapp's Chapel, at the usual hours to-morrow.

At the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Stephen H. Granberry will officiate to-morrow, both morning and evening, at the usual hours. Sunday School at 2 p.m.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the several services. Seats free.

**HOLY CHURCH.**—The pulpit of this church will be filled to-morrow morning and evening, by Rev. Dr. Post, of Belleville. The Doctor is an able speaker, and the public is invited to hear him—All the seats free.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**—Preaching at the usual hours to-morrow, by the pastor.

Subject in the evening "Living by Faith."

The Clinton Register lots down the late editor of the Times in the following graphic manner:

How S. S. Jack, of Decatur, called upon us on Wednesday Mr. Jack has for some months filled the position of editor of the Decatur Times, and showed himself to be an able and spirited writer; but he has recently resigned that position, which we regret.

Abel & Locke have just received some nobby styles of curtain goods, and those wanting anything in that line will do well to examine. They have also a very full supply of curtains and tassels, suited either for curtain or picture hangings—in the line of carpet goods there is nothing lacking in their stock, but it is complete in all its parts. Ladies, now is the time to call.

We have a fine tract of land near Wichita, Sedgwick county, Kansas, that we will trade for Decatur or Macon county property.

A Milton Lapham & Co., Opposite P. O.

**A PLEASANT TIME.**—The young people of the Presbyterian Church held a social and festival in the society's lecture room last evening, which was well attended, and highly enjoyed. There was an abundance of ice cream and other refreshments, and the gathering was a very pleasant one, socially. Those having the matter in charge are entitled to much credit for the skill and good management evinced.

Also Secretary directed to issue programme by the 20th of May, and mail them with a copy of rules.

Secretary has a list of cities to which he had sent the proceedings of the Bloomington Convention.

The Society is expecting to be absent during part of the summer, on motion of Chief Norton, ex-Chief J. S. Hewitt of Decatur, was requested to act as Assistant Secretary, and in case of the absence of Secretary Christie, to attend to the duties of the Secretary's office.

Secretary was instructed to insert the invitation to manufacturers in posters, and also to send postal card to manufacturers of fire department supplies, inviting them to be present and exhibit their goods. Also to insert in programmes a request to city officials to interest themselves in the matter in the meeting of the Association, Oct. 10th and 11th.

Chief Norton offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Executive Committee of the Illinois State Firemen's Association, are due its Hon.

or the Mayor, the members of the City Council, Chief of the fire department, and citizens of Decatur for the hospitalities extended to them while in the city.

Motion of Secretary, requesting the City papers, to publish the proceedings of the meeting, carried.

Chief Durfee stated that the city council and Fire Department desired to exhibit the Water Works to the Committee, and also to take them to the Water Works and over the city.

President Bunner accepted, and we give it for the benefit of our readers:

A story is told of a country merchant who agreed to take a farmer's oats at forty cents a bushel if the latter would let him tramp the measure when filled. The buyer paid for sixty bushels, and the next day went after them. The farmer filled the first bushel, and then the merchant, when he came, and then down, when upon the farmer poured the oats as compressed into the bag. The merchant protested and demanded that the measure should be filled up after tramping. The farmer informed her that there was no agreement of that sort, but that he might tramp down the oats to his heart's content.

On motion adjourned to Oct. 10.

M. BUNNER, President.

H. P. CHRISTIE, Secretary.

**IMPROVEMENT.**—The floor of the store occupied by J. M. Stockey & Co., and Curtis & Bright is to be lowered to a level with the street, and a new front is to be put into the building. If all the proprietors of buildings on that side of the street, from Water street west to Abbott's, would fall into line and do the same thing it would greatly improve the appearance of the block.

**GRAND CALICO BALL.**—The Concordia Club will give a grand Calico Ball at their hall on Tuesday evening, May 2d.

Members and their friends are cordially invited.

THE COMMITTEE.

April 24 d&w.

**Great Bargains in Jewelry at J. L.**

Knieper's, 24 Merchant street

Feb. 7-d&w.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ILLINOIS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Meeting at Decatur, April 27, 1876.

The committee met at Priest's Hotel, at 8 o'clock a.m. Present, President Bennett, 1st Vice President Norton, 2d Vice President Boynton, Secretary Christie, and Chief Chase, Treasurer of the State Association.

The meeting being called to order by the President, Chief Durfee of Decatur, tendered the use of the city council rooms.

The committee adjourned to the council rooms, where they were welcomed by Chief Chase, who was replied to by President Bennett.

Chief Chase was feeling confident that he had the inside track till he and Moore struck at Methodist quarterly meeting at Friends Creek, "and then," said the Judge, "Moore got down on his knees in the meeting and prayed me out of not less than forty votes." Moore was one of the old shouting Methodists.

"Ah!" said Dr. Thomas, "I have a better story than that." During the same canvass Moore and Davis called at a house where a member of the family had just died. Moore was a wagon-maker by trade and of course was handy with the use of tools. The family wanted a coffin to bury their dead, but as there was no one in the neighborhood who could make one they did not know what to do. Moore went to work and made the coffin, and there was Judge Davis standing by chagrined at the prospect of losing the votes of the friends of the deceased.

Communication from officers of the Fire Department of Decatur, offering \$1200 in prizes for the State Tournament was read, and after discussion was laid over temporarily. Chief Durfee guaranteed the \$1200, or, if the committee deemed necessary, \$1500.

Motion to adjourn to 8 a.m., the 28th Carried.

**ADJOURNED MEETING.**

Pursuant to adjournment the committee met at 8 a.m., and was called to order by the President.

Chief Norton suggested that Decatur would raise \$1500, and Chief Durfee, for Decatur, pledged that amount.

Chief Boynton moved that on this pledge we fix the prizes on the basis of \$1500 Carried.

By Boynton. That 1st prize on steamers be \$100, 2d prize, \$50

This was discussed, and in the same connection the matter of requiring companies expecting to take part in the Tournament to send a representative here the day previous to make final arrangements, and it was decided to insert this provision in the circular.

On motion, classification of steamers was left to the judges.

Boynton's motion on steamer prizes was amended by Chief Norton, the committee proceeded to fix the prizes as follows:

On Steamers—1st prize, \$200, 2d, \$100.

Sweepstakes on Steamers—For 1st water, \$50, for 1st steam, 150 feet, \$50

Fast Hand Engines—1st prize, \$200, 2d, \$100

Sweepstakes on Hand Engines on Quantity—\$50.

To Hose Companies—1st prize, \$200; 2d, \$125, 3d, \$75

To Hook and Ladder Companies—1st prize, \$200, 2d, \$100

Sweepstakes to Hook and Ladder Companies, to run 300 yards on time, \$50

Hook and Ladder Companies to be invited and offered the use of the Decatur truck, or any other present that the company controlling will permit them to use.

To Chemical Engine Companies—1st prize, on the greatest average distance and continuous stream 30 minutes, \$100, 2d prize, fast water, \$50, to play through 100 ft. hose and three eighth inch nozzle.

Motion that the matter of "Championship" prizes be postponed until the annual meeting of the Association. Carried.

It was decided that the programmes, poster and printing should be paid for by the Association at the next meeting.

Also that the executive committee of the Decatur fire department be requested to arrange rates of fare with the railroads at an early date and notify the Secretary that the rates may be inserted in the posters.

Also Secretary directed to issue programme by the 20th of May, and mail them with a copy of rules.

Secretary has a list of cities to which he had sent the proceedings of the Bloomington Convention.

The Society is expecting to be absent during part of the summer, on motion of Chief Norton, ex-Chief J. S. Hewitt of Decatur, was requested to act as Assistant Secretary, and in case of the absence of Secretary Christie, to attend to the duties of the Secretary's office.

Secretary was instructed to insert the invitation to manufacturers in posters, and also to send postal card to manufacturers of fire department supplies, inviting them to be present and exhibit their goods. Also to insert in programmes a request to city officials to interest themselves in the matter in the meeting of the Association, Oct. 10th and 11th.

Chief Norton offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Executive Committee of the Illinois State Firemen's Association, are due its Hon.

or the Mayor, the members of the City Council, Chief of the fire department, and citizens of Decatur for the hospitalities extended to them while in the city.

Motion of Secretary, requesting the City papers, to publish the proceedings of the meeting, carried.

Chief Durfee stated that the city council and Fire Department desired to exhibit the Water Works to the Committee, and also to take them to the Water Works and over the city.

President Bunner accepted, and we give it for the benefit of our readers:

A story is told of a country merchant who agreed to take a farmer's oats at forty cents a bushel if the latter would let him tramp the measure when filled. The buyer paid for sixty bushels, and the next day went after them. The farmer filled the first bushel, and then the merchant, when he came, and then down, when upon the farmer poured the oats as compressed into the bag. The merchant protested and demanded that the measure should be filled up after tramping. The farmer informed her that there was no agreement of that sort, but that he might tramp down the oats to his heart's content.

On motion adjourned to Oct. 10.

M. BUNNER, President.

H. P. CHRISTIE, Secretary.

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